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For : THERMOSENSITIVE STENCIL PAPER AND METHOD
OF PRODUCING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Commissioner for Patents,
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S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2003, in the above-identified application, requiring two elections of species, applicants hereby elect

(1) the species in which the resin and emulsifier are dissolved in a good solvent while a non-solvent is added dropwise to create the emulsion (see claim 12 for reference),

and

(2) the species wherein the resin is a polyvinyl butyral resin (see claim 16).

This election is made without traverse but without prejudice to the prosecution of claims to the non-elected species either in the present application (if a generic claim is found allowable) or in one or more divisional applications.

Claims readable on the elected species (1), including generic claims, are claims 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

and 21. Claims readable on the elected species (2), including generic claims, are claims 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20.

Thus, the claims readable on both elected species (1) and (2), including generic claims, are claims 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20.

Respectfully,

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